GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1548
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COMPUTERS TO PANCHAYAT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to supply computers at subsidised rates to all Panchayats in the country;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been worked out to bring down the costs of computers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which such a scheme for supplying subsidised computers will come into force;

(e) whether Government has undertaken a pilot project in Maharashtra in this matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): No such proposal is under consideration.

(b) and (c): Government has no specific scheme to reduce the cost of computers. The prices of personal computers have however been falling due to factors relating to technology, fiscal benefits and competition.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.